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House of Representatives, January 18, 2005

**An Act To Require Trains in the State To Operate with a Minimum
of 5 Employees**

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative CLARK of Millinocket.
Cosponsored by Representatives: HUTTON of Bowdoinham, JACKSON of Fort Kent,
PARADIS of Frenchville, TUTTLE of Sanford, TWOMEY of Biddeford, Senators: BRYANT
of Oxford, DAVIS of Piscataquis, GAGNON of Kennebec.

2 **Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts of the Legislature do not
become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted
as emergencies; and

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6 **Whereas,** continued safe, efficient and reliable rail service
is essential to our State; and

8 **Whereas,** trains run by remote control are operating in parts
of the United States; and

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12 **Whereas,** to ensure the State's public safety and the
well-being of its citizens, particularly those using rail
service, it is essential that the issue addressed in this
14 legislation receive prompt action; and

16 **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts
create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of
18 Maine and require the following legislation as immediately
necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
20 safety; now, therefore,

22 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

24 **Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §7308. sub-§14** is enacted to read:

26 14. Minimum number of employees. A railroad company
operating within this State shall have at a minimum 5 employees
on each of its trains travelling on a railroad line within this
State.

30 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the
32 preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

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SUMMARY

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38 This bill requires railroad companies to operate each train
with a minimum of 5 employees.